

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Application

Originally filed claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-43, 48-53, and 65-88 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the filing of this continuation application without prejudice to reinstatement for prosecution in this application or a continuing application. Thus prior to this Amendment, claims 9, 18, 44-47, 54-64, and 89-90 were pending.

Election

The Examiner has made a three-way Restriction Requirement. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I without traverse. Group I was also subject to a six-way species Restriction Requirement. While the Examiner had characterized Group I as including claims 1-8, 25-52, and 88-90, Applicants had canceled claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-43, 48-53, 48-53, and 65-88, so that Group I actually only includes claims 44-47 (a part of sub-group 4) and 89-90 (sub-group 6).

As a species election, Applicant elects Group 6 (**claims 89-90**) without traverse. Therefore claims 44-47 are also provisionally withdrawn.

Applicant has added claims 91-103, which are believed to be consonant with the Restriction Requirement. These claims are not believed to add new matter.

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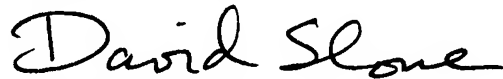
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests examination of claims **89-103**.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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